

antibody having specificity for an antigen identified by an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 4 or a fragment thereof identified by the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 5 or SEQ ID NO: 6; and

(b) detecting a formation of an antibody/antigen complex in the sample.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the antibody binds to the antigen identified by the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 4.

38. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the antibody binds to the antigen identified by the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 5.

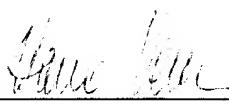
39. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the antibody binds to the antigen identified by the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 6.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted concurrently with the filing of a Divisional application. It is believed that the newly submitted claims are in better condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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